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25X1 1. [ ] Talked with Miss Becker in Senator Howard Cannon's office regarding a visit of the Senator to the building. Miss Becker said the Senator's schedule has been very heavy and as soon as she can get to him to set up an appointment she will be back in touch with us.

25X1 2. [ ]) Boyd Crawford, Staff Director of House Foreign Affairs Committee, inquired again concerning the [ ] case and wondered about the timing of a speech by a House member which I had mentioned to him earlier. I indicated an effort will be made to have this done on the 26th of March. Mr. Crawford thought this timing would be adequate from his viewpoint. 25X1

25X1 3. [ ] Met with Representative Leslie Arends and his personal assistant, William Pitts. I mentioned to Mr. Arends that Mr. Dulles had had an opportunity to review the speech and had several minor suggestions which were furnished. Mr. Arends said he thought the speech was in good shape now but that he did wish to rephrase it in several parts stating he did not wish to beat Lindsay over the head but still wanted to make the points. Also he will move the [ ] item to a more prominent place to give it more emphasis. He stated he would make every effort to deliver this Thursday afternoon. He requested that we drop by tomorrow to look at the final draft which I will do. 25X1

25X1 4. [ ] In company with [ ] met with Tom Stern and Robert E. Lee of the Department of State to consider a proposed State letter in response to congressional inquiries on the [ ] and I made as many inputs as we properly could and the original draft was modified considerably. It was indicated it might be another week before they could get final approval. 25X1

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25X1 5. [ ] Mr. Harry Nicholas in Representative  
25X1 Harold C. Ostertag's office inquired about the many newspaper articles  
on the [ ] case. I explained to him the reasons for our general  
policy of no comment and that this would have to be the official answer  
in this case. I further indicated that within a few days there might well  
be some public information on this but not from the Agency. Nicholas  
understood since he had been in touch with the Department of State and  
they had indicated they were preparing something that could be released.  
Mr. Nicholas seemed to appreciate our position and said he would pass  
on to Mr. Ostertag my offer to talk further with the Congressman if  
this was necessary.

25X1 6. [ ] Harry Murphy, Chief of Alien Affairs  
Staff, advised that Mr. Rawitz, in Commissioner Farrell's office at  
Immigration and Nationality Service, called to say he had talked with  
Mr. Farrell in connection with the [ ] case. Mr. Farrell suggested  
that in order to avoid the apparent problem of maintaining good "moral  
character" as provided in the Immigration and Nationality Act, that we  
endeavor to have the private bill amended to include a waiver of the  
provisions of section 101(f) of the act. We will discuss this further with  
the Immigration Subcommittees.

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9. [REDACTED] Mr. William McAfee, in State Department, called to say that Chairman Willis, House Committee on Un-American Activities, had written to the Department requesting specific information on Soviet and Communist Bloc "political warfare schools." Willis' letter asked for the number of such schools, the number of graduates, etc. McAfee said he felt most of the information on this would be Agency material.

I advised McAfee that it was my judgement that this letter had been prompted by prodding of HCUA by Representative Pillion, who had asked the Agency for information along these same lines although he used the term "assassination schools," immediately following President Kennedy's death and the shooting of Lee Oswald. I told McAfee that we had seen Pillion but gave him nothing specific on this, that Pillion was not satisfied but apparently was resigned to the fact that the Agency was not in a position to provide him with specifics in this field. I told McAfee I would take a current reading on this and be back in touch.

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10. [REDACTED] Extended an invitation to Representative Samuel S. Stratton to join Representative Sam Gibbons for breakfast at the Agency tomorrow morning but learned that Stratton had a previous commitment. He will be advised of our invitation, however, and our suggestion that we try to arrange for him to come out to Headquarters next week.

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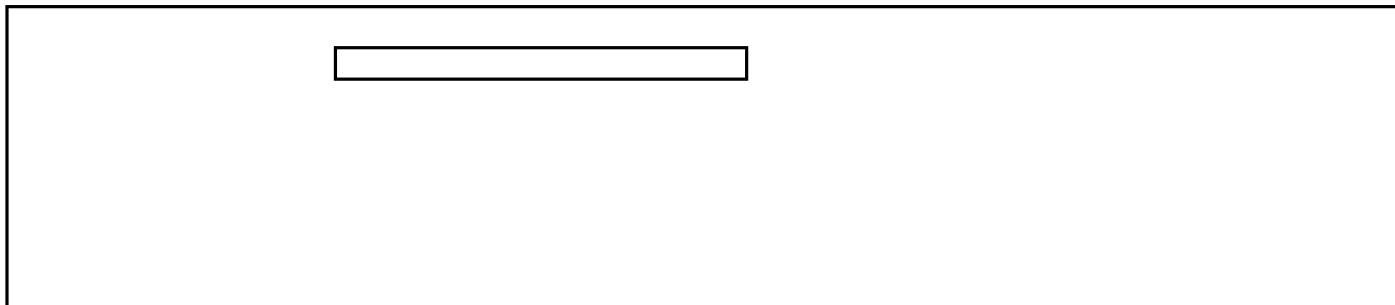
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12. [REDACTED] I met with Representative William T. Cahill (R., N. J.) concerning H.R. 9958 presented by Mr. Cahill to make certain actions against the person of the President and the Vice President and certain other Federal officers a Federal crime. I advised Mr. Cahill of our interest with regard to coverage of the Director and Deputy Director and filled him in on some of our thinking on the subject of officers other than those appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate who are involved with national security affairs. Mr. Cahill thanked me for advising him of our interest on this subject and asked that I keep in touch so that he may be properly advised of our consideration should the bill be brought up in Committee.

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13. [REDACTED] Met with Congressman John F. Baldwin (R, Cal.) concerning his letter of 18 March to the Director regarding constituent correspondents on the [REDACTED] charges. Congressman Baldwin was personally and strongly concerned whether any action was being taken by the Agency with regard to the charges. I advised the Congressman that the Agency was unable to comment either specifically or generally with regard to these charges but did discuss with him in general terms security practices within the intelligence community designed to identify and weed out security risks and the position of the Agency within the executive establishment. The Congressman indicated that no written response to his query would be required. He is considering possible contact with the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Chairman of HCUA, or the Chairman of House Armed Services on this matter.

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14. [ ] Discussed with Miss Marie L. Morrison, Executive Secretary to Congressman Harold R. Collier (R., Ill.), the Congressman's letter to the Director of 19 March concerning the CHICAGO AMERICAN editorial of 7 March on the [ ] charges. Miss Morrison appreciated the Agency's inability to comment but requested that I stop by tomorrow as the Congressman would appreciate seeing me for a moment on this subject. His schedule today did not allow time for a meeting.

15. [ ] Discussed with Miss Mary Davis, assistant to Congressman Benjamin S. Rosenthal (D., N. Y.), the Congressman's letter of 20 March to Mr. McCone. Miss Davis appreciated the Agency's inability to comment and indicated that no written response would be required. Miss Davis further indicated that she thought she might touch base with HCUA and Senate Judiciary prior to attempting response to the constituents.

16. [ ] Met with Congressman George E. Brown's (D., Cal.) secretary and advised her that the Agency was unable to comment on the letter from Karen Judson of [ ] concerning the query requiring congressional action to assist [ ] in testifying before Congress. It was indicated that the office did not feel the Agency would be able to comment but thought we might be interested in the correspondence. No written response to the Congressman's transmittal note is required.

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